

A RESOLUTION

BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOYCE SHEPERD

06-R-1326

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A CALL TO ACTION BY NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE, STIMULATE, PROTECT, EDUCATE AND ENRICH URBAN PARKS AND RECREATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, urban parks enrich our lives by providing places to play and exercise and giving individuals and families countless hours of recreation and relaxation; and

WHEREAS, parks produce clean air and protect cities from floodwaters; and

WHEREAS, urban parks help to increase property value, grow the local tax base, attract businesses, and promote health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, the National Recreation and Park Association has issued a Call to Action to the nation to focus on urban parkland; and

WHEREAS, these action items include: (1) to reverse the neglect of our nation's cherished urban parks, (2) to forge a new compact between federal, state, and city governments, joined by citizen groups, private foundations, and businesses, (3) to call on the members of Congress and our president to acknowledge through leadership, investment, and action the true value that quality parks bring to cities and urban communities, (4) to acknowledge that revitalizing urban parks is not solely the task of the federal government, and call upon every level of government – from cities to state legislatures – match the federal investment dollar for dollar, and (5) to call on Congress and president to make available \$1 billion dollars over the next three years for urban parks and recreation in federal funding that will be matched dollar for dollar in funds and in-kind contributions by cities and states.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the Atlanta City Council hereby supports a Call to Action by National Recreation and Park Association to promote, stimulate, protect, educate and enrich urban parks and recreation.

SECTION 2: That the Atlanta City Council supports action items which include: (1) to reverse the neglect of our nation's cherished urban parks, (2) to forge a new compact between federal, state, and city governments, joined by citizen groups, private foundations, and businesses, (3) to call on the members of Congress and our president to acknowledge through leadership, investment, and action the true value that quality parks bring to cities and urban communities, (4) to acknowledge that revitalizing urban parks is not solely the task of the federal government, and call upon every level of government – from cities to state legislatures – match the federal investment dollar for dollar, and (5) to call on Congress and president to make available \$1 billion dollars over the next three years for urban parks and recreation in federal funding that will be matched dollar for dollar in funds and in-kind contributions by cities and states.

SECTION 3: All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed for purposes of the ordinance only, and only to the extent of the conflict.

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First Reading

Committee _____
Date _____
Chair _____
Referred To _____

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Action
Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)
Other

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

☐ 2nd ☐ 1st & 2nd ☐ 3rd
Readings
☐ Consent ☐ V Vote ☐ FC Vote

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MAYOR'S ACTION

☐ CONSENT REFER

☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER

☐ ADVERTISE & REFER

☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER

☒ PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred 6/5/06

Referred To: CD/HR

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